



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term: Friday 6th November 2020



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another half term at GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy! I hope that you had a restful half term and an enjoyable break; however, it is wonderful to have the children back at school, and for us to continue the learning that we began last term to ensure that the children make the best possible progress this academic year.

To date, we have no further updates regarding school operations at this point in line with the new lockdown and DFE guidance - aside from the updates the school sent home before half term and that we have contacted you to ask that you now wear a mask when you are picking up and dropping off the children.

However, we will continue to update you throughout the term as necessary with any further changes especially around the capacity to keep the school open in line with staffing levels.

Parents Evening:

As you are aware, the bookings for parents evening will close on Friday 13th November. After this, we will send out the generic links for you to access your appointments. We have made a change to the platform that we are going to use for this meeting, and will be using google meets instead as this is an easier forum for parents to access and the school already uses google classrooms as part of its curriculum and as resource within school.

Please only login to your appointment once it is your confirmed appointment time. Thank you.

If, for any reasons, you are finding it difficult to book an appointment, please contact Miss Joy in the school office.

Principals / Parent Forum:

This terms forum is on Friday 13th November at 09:30. As requested, please do submit questions in advance to Miss Hana as these will be the questions that are discussed and answered during the session.

I have sent the zoom link to your parent mail accounts today for you to be able to access the meeting. For further information about the Principal's forum, please go to this section of the school website:

<https://www.gemstwickenhamprimary.org/parent-forum/>

STEAM Open Homework Project:

A reminder for children to please bring the responses into school on Monday 9 November. We will arrange a display of everything in the hall and create a video for you to watch on the school website for Tuesday 10 November.

We hope that the children have enjoyed their homework project this half term, and we look forward to seeing all the creative ideas that the children have come up with.

School Office News:

School Photos:

A reminder from Aztek Photography the deadline to make your online booking for your child's individual or sibling photos is Friday 25th November. We anticipate delivery to school will be mid December and we will of course distribute these as soon as they come in. If you wish to receive them directly, you can select the option to pay for delivery home.

Shoe Box appeal:

If you would like to support this worthy cause and donate a shoe box for a child, please send these into school by Tuesday 10th Nov morning drop off latest via either door, as they are due to be collected during the school day.

School Lunches & Payment Items:

Payment for school dinners for the last half term will be uploaded onto Parentmail for payment shortly, followed by breakfast club and any backpacks / bookbags that have been ordered and received. Any questions regarding school dinners please contact Miss Karen at k.surey@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk and for breakfast club and bags please contact Miss Joy at j.chapple@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk

Please note we no longer use Parentpay within school.



House Points:

The House Treat is a Pantomime in School at Christmas... restrictions allowing!

House	Previous Week	This Week
Parks	1221	1400
Gandhi	1201	1412
Pankhurst	1199	1488
Shackleton	1200	1467

Attendance:

In line with DFE guidance, that the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you.
All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence (G) on the school's register.

Year Group	Target (97%)
Reception	98.2
Year 1	97.5
Year 2	98.6
Year 3	98.7
Year 4	97.2
Year 5	97.2
Whole School	97.9

Key Dates:

Please note: All the key dates for this academic term can be found on the school's online calendar

Monday 9 th November	Homework Projects to be dropped off at school. A video for viewing will be released on the Tuesday 10 th November
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 13 th November	Principal's Forum 09:30 am – via zoom
Monday 16 th November	Switch off Fortnight
Tuesday 17 th and Thursday 19 th November	Parents Evening via google hangouts
Friday 20 th November	Whole School Flu Immunisations

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith, Principal



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Year: Class: